

Minutes of the Stafford County Public Schools
Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee

May 15, 2006

Dinner

Welcome and Introductions

Call to Order

- ◆ Welcome by Byron Hinton
- ◆ Members Present: Byron Hinton, Mary Harrison, Linda Burch, George Bond, Jeff Bloomer, Mary McCauley, Elaine Strauss, Jarrell Maple, Jason Lamprecht, Doreen Phillips, Edie Allyn, Brenda Long

Minutes

- ◆ Minutes from the March 2006 meeting were approved as written
- ◆ Byron Hinton presented his annual report on CTE to the School Board. He will send a copy of his report to CTE Committee members. He addressed his concern that the CTE teachers do not receive stipends for their work in advising student organizations. He shared that Paul Jacobs and Terry Godwin are the Middle and High school technology teachers of the year. The committee also discussed supplements for teachers with industry certifications.
- ◆ The board approved the CTE Local Plan for federal dollars that will be used next year. That plan has been sent to the Virginia Department of Education for approval. That budget will be in effect July 1, 2006.

Old Business

- ◆ Byron Hinton gave the scholarships report which included two recipients for the Latham Scholarship. Four scholarships are being awarded by Apple Federal Credit Union. Those will be awarded at three schools award's ceremonies as one high school did not have any applicants and Mountain View does not have a senior class this year. Apple Federal Credit Union will make five scholarships available next year, one per high school. The Advisory Committee will present the scholarships. Dr. Long asked for volunteers to present the scholarships.

New Business

- ◆ The CTE Advisory Committee is seeking additional members to serve for the 2006-2007 school year. Byron asked for those serving this year to reapply for next year. Dr. Long asked for additional recommendations to include business and industry individuals. The CTE Advisory Committee is allowed additional members from business and industry due to the nature of teaching workforce readiness skills.
- ◆ Orientation for all Advisory Committees will be September 7, 2006 in the PDC Room 16. Dr. Murray will hold an initial meeting, followed by individual committee meetings.

- ◆ Linda Birch and David Adams will be retiring. Linda Birch will assist in securing a representative from Medicorp. The Stafford,CTE Administrative staff will identify a school counselor and a high school student to serve next year.
- ◆ Dr. Long suggested that the committee continue work with Economic Development Office as a continued goal for 2006-2007.
- ◆ The budget is stretched and we will need to work for community support as we move forward in the budget process and building HS2010.
- ◆ Doreen Phillips reported on the School Board's actions and working with Board of Supervisors, and said that loss of teachers is a huge concern. Their next work session is Thursday, May 18, at 4:00 PM. She said that a priority was not to cut programs. The teacher raise is still in place, with school nurses increasing gradually to the teachers' salary scale.
- ◆ Byron suggested that we continue to spread the word about our programs so that citizens understand our budget.
- ◆ David Adams said that since everyone has experience in education at some point in their lives, education is a tough sell. Brenda replied that school has changed greatly from what education was like years ago. CTE has changed to reflect employment trends.
- ◆ A suggestion was made that we should invite a representative from the Free Lance Star to meetings. If we could have someone from the newspaper at our meetings, we might increase community awareness of our programs. Dr. Long replied that Valerie Cottongim, Public Relations Coordinator, works with the media to keep them informed of upcoming events.
- ◆ Dr. Bloomer said that as the population ages, and as households do not have students in schools, we need to be aware that we need to find some reason to promote taxes. It may become more difficult to sell taxes and without that funding, we will not go far.
- ◆ CTE Annual Performance Report – Dr. Long shared the division report and highlighted areas of strengths and areas where improvement is needed. A discrepancy was noted on the number of CTE students taking a Standards of Learning test in 2004-2005 and the previous year. Dr. Long will look into the data report.

BOOTS House Update

- ◆ The Vocational Foundation will set an Open House date for the BOOTS House tomorrow. Dr. Long will share that date. Site preparation has begun on the house for next year in Argyle Heights. We are still trying to secure lots for future houses.

Dr. Long thanked the committee for their kindness and thoughtfulness for the cards and gifts presented to her for her retirement. She commented how much she had enjoyed working with everyone and encouraged them to continue to work on expanding CTE. She especially appreciated everything they did and their interest in CTE.

Next meeting – September 7, 2006 7:00 PM.